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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED BLACKLISTING OF US CORRESPONDENT

REF: STATE 10439

1. WASHINGTON POST'S PHIL MCCOMBS HAD BEEN BLACKLISTED BY KHMER AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING A JUNE 1974 ARTICLE. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, HE WAS ALLOWED TO VISIT CAMBODIA AS RESULT OF MY DIRECT INTERVENTION WITH PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET. APPARENTLY HIS NAME HAD REMAINED ON AN OBSOLETE LIST OF UNDESIRABLE VISITORS TO KHMER REPUBLIC, ALTHOUGH WE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT BLACKLISTING AND BARRING ENTRY TO FOREIGN JOURNALISTS HAD GONE OUT OF STYLE. INCIDENT APPEARS TO BE PRODUCT OF BUREAUCRATIC ERROR BY GKR OFFICIAL WHO WAS UNAWARE OF GKR'S LIFTING OF ALL RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WISHING TO ENTER KHMER REPUBLIC. MCCOMBS, HOWEVER, WAS ALSO AT FAULT FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN VISA IN ADVANCE.

2. MISSION WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO ARRANGE MCCOMBS' ENTRY NOW OR IN FUTURE, AS I HAD DONE IN THE SUMMER OF LAST YEAR. WE HAVE ALREADY SPREAD THIS WORD TO FELLOW AMERICAN JOURNALIST IN TOWN. PAO HAS ALSO SO INFORMED HIS COUNTERPARTS IN
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BANGKOK AND SAIGON. SUGGEST THAT NEXT TIME MCCOMBS

WANTS TO COME HERE, HE FORTIFY HIMSELF WITH VISA.
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